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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT:REFUGEE PROGRAM

1. I HAVE SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN WASHINGTON WRESTLING WITH QUESTIONS RELATING TO HOW THE REFUGEE PROGRAM IN THAILAND WILL BE HANDLED. AS WE HAD FORESEEN, THE DEPARTMENT HAD PLANS FOR A LARGE SCALE REGIONAL OPERATION HEADED BY TOM BARNES POSSIBLY WITH ROSENBLATT AND OTHERS ON THE STAFF. ON THE OTHER HAND I AM AFRAID WE UNDERESTIMATED THE REFUGEE WORKLOAD AND AFTER CONFERRING WITH BARBARA WATSON AND MANY OTHERS I AM CONVINCED THAT IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR ANDY TO HANDLE THIS PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO HIS REGULAR DUTIES. I ALSO FIND THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW REALLY CAPABLE MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS AVAILABLE BUT LOTS OF FSO-IS. I AM NOW LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO HEAD THIS OFFICE.

2. THIS MESSAGE IS TO TIP YOU OFF THAT I AM PLANNING TO
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ORGANIZE A SPECIAL REFUGEE OFFICE UNDER THE DCM WITH A SENIOR OFFICER IN CHARGE. I AM ALSO GETTING TOGETHER WITH SHEP LOWMAN TO REVIEW OUR EARLIER PERSONNEL REQUEST AND WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO COME UP WITH AND HOW PEOPLE HERE SEE THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED. ALL THE BEST. VANCE

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